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TITLE: STORAGE AREA NETWORK METHODS AND APPARATUS WITH
HIERARCHICAL FILE SYSTEM EXTENSION POLICY

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

In the statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated October 4, 2006, the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicants will not specifically address or respond herein to the issues/points raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's provided remarks. However, this should not necessarily be viewed as constituting acquiescence by Applicants as to the correctness of some or all of the Examiner's provided remarks.

Moreover, Applicants note that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed and allowable claims resides in every feature of the recited combination of features of the claims in addition to the features noted by the Examiner.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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